

STATEMENT OF THE HONORABLE
DAVID L. HOBSON**HON. DAVID L. HOBSON**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 27, 2000

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Republic of China on Taiwan which celebrates its 89th anniversary as a nation this month. I join my colleagues to commend Taiwan's successful efforts towards developing a democratic nation as well as electing a new leader. Chen Shui-bian in a free and fair election.

Taiwan also is excelling in areas of economic growth and currently is ranked twenty-fifth in the world in per capita income and nineteenth in the world in terms of Gross National Product.

Taiwan's many accomplishments serve as a measure of its leaders' dedication to strengthening principles of freedom, democracy, and economic prosperity, values all Taiwanese citizens may enjoy.

Additionally, I would like to recognize Ambassador C.J. Chen of the Republic of China on Taiwan for diligently representing his nation in the United States. I look forward to a continued and prosperous relationship between the United States and Taiwan.

HONORING KEITH WOODS

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, my colleague, Ms. WOOLSEY, and I rise today to recognize our good friend, Keith Woods, who is resigning as President and CEO of the Santa Rosa, California Chamber of Commerce after 13 years of dedicated service to his community.

During Mr. Woods' tenure, Santa Rosa, the 34th largest city in the state, developed the seventh largest chamber in the state. The Chamber boasts 1,600 members, 18 staff people, 48 committees and task forces, 650 active committee volunteers and a budget of \$1.4 million.

Some of Mr. Woods' innovative projects include Good Morning Santa Rosa breakfast meetings, the Business-Education Roundtable, Tomorrow's Leaders Today, Good Evening Santa Rosa, job fairs, training seminars and the Forum on the Future series that focused on issues affecting businesses, families and lifestyle in Sonoma County.

Through Mr. Woods efforts, the Chamber also provided staffing for the Sonoma County Technology and Manufacturers Group and managed the Downtown Market and the Santa Rosa Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Mr. Woods has spent 32 years in Chamber work with the San Francisco, San Antonio and San Jose Chambers and as an instructor for the U.S. Chamber at seven universities throughout the country.

In 1998, he traveled to Moscow to conduct training for 40 Russian Chamber executives.

He was recently elected Chairman of the Western Association of Chamber Executives for 2001 and last year was voted the "Top Business and Community Leader" in Santa Rosa and Sonoma County.

Although Mr. Woods is retiring from the Chamber, he is not leaving the business community or Sonoma County. His next assignment is as Chief Executive for the North Bay Builders Association.

Mr. Speaker, because of Keith Woods' many contributions to the Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce and to Sonoma County, it is fitting and proper to honor him today for his many accomplishments and contributions.

VETERANS DAY HONOREES

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

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Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, Saturday, November 11, 2000, marks the observance of Veterans Day, honoring all veterans who have pledged allegiance to their country and all of its endeavors. This day is set aside to recognize the boldness and bravery of those who have fought to uphold the standards of democracy.

Just prior to Veterans Day on Thursday, November 9, a special ceremony titled, "Salute 2000: An American Patriotic Celebration" will be held at the Radisson Star Plaza Theatre in Merrillville, Indiana, to celebrate patriotism and pride and to honor five local veterans for their dedicated military service. Those veterans that will be honored include: Joseph M. Dziegłowicz, John Gamez, David Hinshaw, Harry Kaczorowski and James J. Thiel.

Joseph M. Dziegłowicz, a United States Army veteran of World War II, served our country from October 12, 1942 to December 28, 1945 as a combat engineer with the 339th Engineer Construction Battalion. He stayed with the 339th Battalion for his entire 30 months of duty in the southwest Pacific theatre of operations. John Gamez is another fine example of one of our American heroes. As a member of the Armed Forces, John Gamez earned numerous medals during his tour of duty in Korea including the Silver Star Medal, two Purple Heart Medals, the Korean Service Medal with three Bronze Service Stars, the Republic of Korea United Citation, the United Nations Service Medal and the Combat Infantry Badge. Additionally, David C. Hinshaw of Hammond, Indiana, is a veteran of the United States Army. He left the active Army in 1973 and joined the Indiana National Guard. While in the National Guard, Captain Hinshaw rose to Lieutenant Colonel and later Commander 2nd of the 151st Infantry in South Bend, Indiana. Hinshaw was a member of the Army Reserves until his retirement in 1998. As a member of the United States Army, Harry Kaczorowski served his country until he was discharged in December of 1944. During the Battle of Kasserine Pass, Kaczorowski was taken as a prisoner of war by General Rommel's Afrika Korps and was later liberated by the Soviets in 1945. A graduate of Dyer High School, James J. Thiel enrolled in the Army Air Corps at age 19 and served his country until 1945. Thiel earned the Presidential Unit Citation with Cluster, Aerial Gunner's Wings,

ETO Ribbon with four Battle Stars, Air Medal with Six Clusters, Good Conduct Medal and a WW-2 Victory Medal for his 50 aerial combat missions over northern Italy, Austria, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Germany, southern France and the Balkans.

The great sacrifice made by these five men and those who served our country has resulted in the freedom and prosperity of our country and in countries around the world. The responsibility rests within each of us to build upon the valiant efforts that these men and women who fought for this country have displayed, so that the United States and the world will be a more democratic and prosperous place. To properly honor the heroism of our troops, we must make the most of our freedom secured by their efforts.

In addition to the five veterans who are to be honored at this patriotic celebration, I would also like to commend all of those who served this country for their bravery, courage, and undying commitment to patriotism and democracy. May God bless them all.

We will forever be indebted to our veterans and their families for the sacrifices they made so that we can enjoy our freedom. Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in saluting these five men and the other veterans who have fought for our great country.

TRIBUTE TO LT. GEN. ROBERT E.
HAILS (RET.)**HON. SAXBY CHAMBLISS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, I want to honor a great American, retired Lieutenant General Robert E. Hails, who has recently been selected for induction into the State of Alabama Engineering Hall of Fame.

Lt. Gen. Hails graduated from Auburn University and received his wings and commission in 1944 at Moody Field in Valdosta, Georgia. During World War II, he completed 26 missions flying the B-24 Liberator bomber in the Pacific theater. After the war, Lt. Gen. Hails was instrumental in helping develop critical technology such as the first Heads Up Display (HUD), the use of an inertial gyroscope platform (IGP) for automatic navigation and guidance of aircraft and bomb launch, and the first use of a digital computer to control and integrate HUD and IGP systems. The Heads Up Display which Lt. Gen. Hails helped develop is essential to many of the newest and most important military aircraft in our force today, including the F-22, F-117, the F-14, and F-15.

These innovations greatly assisted American pilots in performing their missions to defend and protect American interests around the world and even now serve commercial aviation by providing increased safety during takeoffs and landings in poor weather conditions.

As the Director of Maintenance Engineering, Air Force Logistics Command, in 1968, Lt. Gen. Hails was responsible for engineering and developing of the pilotless reconnaissance aircraft used for missions over hostile territory during the Vietnam War. As Commander of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, he provided engineering and logistical support to a range of crucial weapons system upon which our military consistently relied, including